

This, That, and the Other

There are several things I would like to bring to your attention:

Calling All Parish Visitors

After over five years of outstanding leadership Dori Hoch and Sharon Dreibelbis have stepped aside as the co-leaders of the Parish Visitor Ministry at St. Paul's. I want to publicly thank them for their dedication and hard work in keeping this ministry a vital part of our pastoral care ministry.

Gail Greth has agreed to be the new chairperson and is eager to get started. To that end there will be a meeting of all active Parish Visitors on Monday, September 18. We are also inviting anyone who may be interested in becoming part of this ministry. The only requirement is the commitment to setting time aside each month to become a companion to one of our many home-bound members. It will be the most enriching and gratifying thing you have ever done. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Hospitality Chairperson

After many years of service, Jane Folk is retiring as chair of the Hospitality Committee. Jane was an energetic and faithful leader and I am thankful for Jane and her ministry at St. Paul's. Because of



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***For Members and Friends of
St. Paul's UCC Fleetwood***

Jane's resignation I am looking for a new chairperson of the Hospitality Committee.

What does the Hospitality Committee do? The Hospitality Committee provides sponsors for new members, helps plan fellowship-building activities, works on publicity for church events, educates the congregation in welcoming visitors and new members, and encourages all church members to engage in the task of sharing the good news. If you are interested please contact me.

2018 Ghana Mission Trip

Our next mission trip to Ghana will be next year, most likely around the end of May or sometime during the month of June. The date will not be firm until we know the exact time- frame relative to when the shipping container of books will be sent. If you are interested in joining us on this two-week adventure please let me know. This will be a different trip because much of our time will be spent sorting and distributing the books we have collected.

Blessings,
Pastor Pat



BIRTHDAYS

Brian Arndt 09/01
Hanna Jones 09/01
Sean Miller 09/01
Kyle Provost 09/01
Chris Schumacher 09/01
Tyler Weir 09/01
Gillian Agnew 09/03
Jeff Biehn 09/03
Jennifer Biehn 09/03
Michael Fella 09/03
Joanne Knoll 09/03
Austin Marsteller 09/03
Emilee Scheffler 09/03
Roxanne Woerner 09/03
Nathan Brinker 09/04
Nicholas Stoltzfus 09/04
Barbara Berry 09/05
Mason Gruber 09/05
Marta Herman 09/05
Kevin Hollenbach 09/05
Tiffany Koch 09/05
Cindy Sprecher 09/05
Amber Williams 09/05
David Hottenstein 09/06
Logan Negri 09/06
Jennifer Stufflet 09/06
James Fry 09/07
Joan Richards 09/07
Neil Sassaman 09/07
Gary Stepler 09/07/
Chase Reifsnnyder 09/08
Lauren Rolon 09/08
Emma Templin 09/08
Donna Sell 09/09
David Bingaman 09/10
Gail Greth 09/10
David Ludwig 09/10
Chris McKinney 09/11
Tamara Nothwehr 09/11
Noah Orth 09/11
Michael Radka 09/11
Nathan George 09/12
Erin Bogacki 09/13
Gregory Brey 09/13
Sandy Gross 09/13
Cynthia Rothenberger 09/13
Jaiden Valick 09/13
Mckenzie Barlet 09/15
Dawn Kachel 09/15
Marie Rothharpt 09/15
Tessa Simmons 09/15
Brenda Sload 09/15
Rebecca Fry 09/16
Vicki Kerling 09/16
Cody Leshar 09/17
Jourdan Angststadt 09/18
Stephen Bleiler 09/18
Austin Scott 09/18

Sandra Stern 09/18
Catherine Wanner 09/18
Paisley Bryniarski 09/19
Brenda Geist 09/19
Gavin Hoare 09/19
Roger Simon 09/19
Donna Wanner 09/19
Carson Werner 09/19
Michael Berg 09/20
James Czarnecki 09/20
Leanna Fink 09/20
Derin Phillips 09/20
Hollyanne Spayd 09/20
Sandra Bosch 09/21
Alexander Fretz 09/21
Caitlin Nahrgang 09/21
Dennis Raudenbush 09/21
Jay A. Smith 09/21
Timothy Wagner 09/21
David Absalom 09/22
Christopher Dietrich 09/22
Lydia Heffner 09/22
Nikolas Stella 09/22
Christopher Vojtasek 09/22
Jeffrey Mayer 09/23
Shawn Mumma 09/23
Ethan Raudenbush 09/23
Deron Stiff 09/23
Levi Dicello 09/24
Paulette Dunkelberger 09/24
Titus Miller III 09/24
Andrew Schwartz 09/24
Donna Dries 09/25
Amanda Gauker 09/25
Adrienne Greth 09/25
Franklin Hoch 09/26
Thomas Mcnabb 09/26
Connor Raudenbush 09/26
Theresa Reardon 09/26
Chase Smith 09/26
Nikkole Hagginbothom 09/27
Joseph Juntunen 09/27
Brett Ruhl 09/27
Brittany Weidner 09/27
Kimberly Hoare 09/28
Patricia Stutzman 09/28
Russell Anderson 09/29
Brendan Fink 09/29
Gary Reinert 09/30
Linda Ruhl 09/30

**If your birthday is not listed or is incorrect,
please call the church office at 610-944-0406 so it
can be recorded for future birthday lists.**



September 3
 8:55 a.m. – TBA
 10:25 a.m. – TBA

September 10
 8:55 a.m. – TBA
 10:25 a.m. – TBA

September 17
 8:55 a.m. – TBA
 10:25 a.m. – TBA

September 24
 8:55 a.m. – TBA
 10:25 a.m. – TBA

ACOLYTES



September 3
 8:55 am – Michaela Ernst and Jade Vojtasek
 10:25 a.m. – Ethan Raudenbush and Nicholas Hill

September 10
 8:55 a.m.– Emma Ertel and Herbert Dunkelberger
 10:25 a.m. – Alex Sheffler and Jonathan Maurek

September 17
 8:55 a.m. – Nicholas Hill and Michaela Ernst
 10:25 a.m. – Jaiden Valick and Parker Milyo

September 24
 8:55 a.m. – Jonathan Maurek and Emma Ertel
 10:25a.m. – Jade Vojtasek and Ethan Raudenbush



September 3
 8:55 a.m. – Dale Hollenbach
 10:25 a.m. – Jim Goldman

September 10
 8:55 a.m. – Rally Day/ Family Service
 10:25 a.m. – Jack Creswell

September 17
 8:55 a.m. – Sharon Dreibelbis
 10:25 a.m. – Gary Reinert

September 24
 8:55 a.m. – Missi Siegfried
 10:25 a.m. – Carol Strause



Fleetwood Friends Relay for Life team is looking for new members...

We're looking to add new members to our team. Many families have had a member or friend who has had to deal with cancer, so if you have an interest or desire to help find a cause for this terrible disease, please consider taking part in Fleetwood Friends. We meet five or six times a year to plan fund-raisers such as shoo-fly pie and mum sales which benefit the annual Relay for Life Walk at Kutztown University that takes place on a weekend in June. Erin Goldman is the team captain - feel free to contact her to learn more about this worthwhile activity.



The deadline for news and information to be included in the October Tower Tymes is September 15th. Thank you for your cooperation



September 3 – Penny and Chris Vojtasek
September 10 – Women's Guild
September 17 – The Valick Family
September 24 – Sandy and Clark Frederick and Dee Eastland



Book Group for September 2017

The St. Paul's Book Group will meet on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the lounge off the narthex. At our July meeting the group agreed to flip the order of our reading **one more time!** And so *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult became the book for August, thereby allowing folks who were experiencing some difficulty in obtaining the Towles book more time to do so. Consequently, the book for September is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. A synopsis of the book can be found on amazon.com. Mary Ann Hayes will serve as our discussion leader. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, contact Sharon Dreibelbis at 610-916-4848 or Mary Ann Hayes at 610-796-7044. Everyone is welcome!



**Greetings from
St. Paul's School**



*** * \$ * \$ * Budget & Finance News \$ * \$ * \$ ***

Welcome Back to School!!! We are excited to have a wonderful start to a new year. We are all excited to return from our summer vacations. We have one/two day and three day 3yr old classes, 4 day and 5 day PreK classes. 2 year old playgroup, half day and full day Kindergarten, Advanced Prek, full day preschool and extended care. We are thrilled with all the new children attending our school and are very excited about our upcoming events.

I would like to present our wonderful staff for the year. Mrs. Mengel and Mrs. Walsh teach our 3 year old classes and our Pre K teachers are Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Strange. Mrs Keirstead is our Kindergarten and Advanced Prek teacher. Mrs. Bieber will be our coordinator for extended care. Our assistants are Mrs. Bieber, Mrs Parfet, Mrs. Grasley, Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Hoffman. Mrs. Mengel is our playgroup and bible rock teacher. Mrs. Colleen Bungarz is our gym teacher. I myself, Ms. Peggy Brown am thrilled to back another year as director of the school. Mrs. Cindy Oesterle is our bookkeeper. We surround the children with love every day and we all look forward to getting to know all of our new students.

In September we be making many new friends and enjoy getting familiar with school. Staff and students are all excited about getting back to school. We will have a visitor from Johnny Appleseed in September. We will enjoy tasting different colors of apples and learning about apples. What is your favorite color of apple.....see if you agree with our students.

We have a few openings left in our school. We provide Half and Full Day Kindergarten, PreK education for 4 and 5 year olds, 1, 2 and 3 day Three Year old Classes and a 2yr old playgroup. We provide all day school for parents or children that would prefer that option.

We also offer an Extended Care program, which is for parents that work or have appointments and need care for their child beyond the normal school time. Our school year is starting soon and would love to have your children or grandchildren join our wonderful program. If you know of anyone that might be interested, please have them call the office at 610-944-5808 to get more information. Thank you.

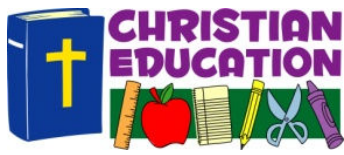
Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Brown, School Director

Good News: Despite dismal income levels in the May & June timeframe, giving to the General Fund improved in July helping to stem the rapid growth of our deficit we were seeing in early summer. This change in trend in mid-summer is rather unusual, but very welcome. Also, our overall spend rate has been behind budget, helping to keep our deficit in check.

General Fund					
	Income	Expense	Monthly (+/-)	YTD (+/-)	weeks
January	\$ 34,791.23	\$ 43,025.64	\$ (8,234.41)	\$ (8,234.41)	5
February	\$ 31,168.31	\$ 32,626.53	\$ (1,458.22)	\$ (9,692.63)	4
March	\$ 31,488.85	\$ 42,451.16	\$ (10,962.31)	\$ (20,654.94)	4
April	\$ 43,229.40	\$ 33,341.24	\$ 9,888.16	\$ (10,766.78)	5
May	\$ 27,753.14	\$ 36,771.56	\$ (9,018.42)	\$ (19,785.20)	4
June	\$ 29,900.06	\$ 50,144.68	\$ (20,244.62)	\$ (40,029.82)	4
July	\$ 42,036.52	\$ 37,851.88	\$ 4,184.64	\$ (35,845.18)	5
					weeks
Total	\$ 240,367.5	\$ 276,212.69		\$ (35,845.18)	31
			Average Giving per Week ----->	\$ 7,753.79	
			Req'd wkly giving to meet 2017 Gen. Fund Budget >	\$ 9,488.40	
			Average Weekly Giving ShortFall ----->	\$ (1,734.61)	
			Projected shortfall vs budget		
			for period if spending is on plan >	\$ (53,773.01)	
Expenditures are lower than projected, therefore our general fund deficit is not as severe as it could be.					

Bad News: We still have a significant deficit (nearly \$36,000) for the general fund and your continued support is needed as we exit the summer and get back into a more predictable schedule in the Fall.

Additional Challenges: On top of this, we face the challenge of funding the sewer repair project which has shuttered the use of the kitchen and is scheduled to be completed in September. The Property Committee will be reporting on this in detail in the near future. Most recent bids are in the \$40 – \$50,000 range. Granted this is not a glamorous endeavor, but necessary to address a long term problem that has never been appropriately corrected. This is a non-budgeted emergency expenditure that we are seeking donations from the congregation to cover the majority of the costs. If you make a donation to this project, please indicate “Sewer Project” on your donation. If you have questions, please see me. Thank you. Bob Wolf – Treasurer



Sept. Christian Ed News

All water project dime bottles should be returned by RALLY DAY (Sept. 10th)

Sun. Sept. 3: First day of new classes

Students will attend classes at their new grade level this Sunday.

Sun. Sept. 10: Rally Day/Worship Sunday

The first service will celebrate a brand new year of Sunday school with Rally Day festivities. This service will include: introduction of our new educational initiative, rally pennants and flags, an interactive storyteller, child-friendly language, recognition & dedication of those involved with educational ministries, and recognition of admirable/perfect attendance.

Sun., Sept. 17: Chalk for Peace & Children's Choir Rehearsals start

If the weather permits, Sunday school students will create chalk pictures outside in celebration of International Peace Day (9/21). Children's choir rehearsals at 8:30 each Sunday morning starting on this date. All students grades Kindergarten thru 6th grade a welcome to participate in choir.

Sun., Sept. 24: Harvest Home

Please bring in canned goods to be shared with Food Pantry. Tape a dollar to the top and Food Pantry will be able to buy even more food for those in need!

***Thank you to everyone who supported our German exchange program. What a great way to Embrace Diversity as we learn all the ways our lives are different and yet the same!

Stacy Laucks

Coord. Of Educational Ministries

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We will celebrate **Harvest Home** on Sunday, September 24th at both services. The #10 cans of food will be taken to Bethany Children's Home and the small

cans will be taken to the Fleetwood Food Pantry. We are asking the Sunday school children to bring a can to church that Sunday. If you would like to tape a dollar bill to the can, all dollars will be collected and sent to the Greater Berks Food Bank. If you would like to bring your cans to church anytime during the week of September 18-23 bring them during office hours and put them in the Sanctuary.



RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE

We heard you!

In order to teach our students to be good stewards of the resources that GOD has given us, the Sunday School & St. Paul's School teamed up to devise a new church-wide recycling program. Starting September 1st, we will have a new sanitation company that collects recyclable material. Please look for the recycle containers throughout the church and place your paper, glass, aluminum, tin, and plastic in the appropriate container. The great news is the cost is the same as our old trash company except we get recycling picked up as well. There will be a dumpster for garbage, as in the past, as well as a container for recyclable material on our property. Feel free to place large amounts of church trash or recyclables directly in appropriate outside containers.



Choirs are starting up

soon! We are also forming a NEW choir that will sing once a month at the 8:55 service. This is to provide the

early service congregation an opportunity to hear a choir once a month and also provide a group for folks who usually attend the early service to sing. Rehearsals will be minimal- we will rehearse for just a few minutes right after the early church service in the choir room. This choir will include folks who sing in the 2nd service as well as any new members who would like to just sing at the earlier service. Please get in touch with Jill if you are interested. Rehearsals for this choir will start Sunday, September 24, and we will sing usually on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Chancel and bell choir rehearsals start on Wednesday evening, September 13, at 6:15 (bells) and 7 (chancel choir).

Children's choir starts Sunday morning, September 17, at 8:30 am in the choir room. We welcome children 4-12 years old.

Bells...Chancel... Early service... Children's...lots of choices and we welcome you to any of them!

Looking forward to a GREAT year.

Jill Haley

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To the people of St. Paul's:
Thank you for your cards and well-wishes during my recent knee surgery and birthday. Your thoughts and prayers are indeed welcome.

Merrill Schaeffer

I would like to thank Joyce Hottenstein, Erin Goldman, Wilma Hawker, Karen Burkert and Miriam Seifert for serving 52 people at opportunity House. They were very happy we served 2 slices of pizza and came back for thirds but I only bought pizza for 2 slices a person. they had salad and thanks to Weis donation they had enough desert to have three a person! So no one went hungry! Hospitality Committee looks forward to serving them next year!

Janie Folk



As we approach the fall of 2017 it is time to begin planning for the Sunday morning gifts to the church for the coming year.

These gifts include the altar flowers, the bulletins, The Upper

Room publication and special flower tributes. For 2018 the cost of the bulletins will be \$35.00 per week and for The Upper Room booklet \$60.00 per month both of which are payable to the church. The cost of the flowers is determined by and payable to the florist.

We will continue to utilize the services of Tracey's Flowers in Fleetwood to supply the flowers for church on a Sunday morning. The church secretary, Linda Speece, will place the flower order with Tracey unless you, as the sponsor, choose to order the flowers from another florist. If you do choose another florist, please let Linda know your wishes when she contacts you for the wording to be placed in the bulletins.

The schedule of gifts for 2018 does not automatically carry over from the previous year; therefore, we will begin filling in 2018 Sundays in September, 2017. Please stop by the table in the narthex to sign up for the Sunday you wish to sponsor one of the weekly gifts. You may also contact Sharon Dreibelbis at 610-916-4848 to indicate your preference or obtain additional information.



Get your flu vaccine at St. Paul's!

Flu vaccines for adults will be available at St. Paul's on:
Saturday, October 7
-9am - 12 noon
-Social Room
-More details are coming soon!
Supported by Reading-Berks Council of Churches and Reading Health System



Fleetwood Food Pantry

On Thursday, August 3rd, 62 families were served at the Pantry in the Fleetwood Community Center. It was Fleetwood Bible Church's turn to serve.

The next date for the pantry will be Thursday, September 7th volunteers are needed from 3:30-6. It is Christ Lutheran and St. Peter's UCC turn to serve. Thank you to all who continue to volunteer each month and help provide food donations to the pantry.

Shopping Cart in Narthex

For the month of September, we will be collecting snack items for the families to pack in their children's school lunches such as snack packs of crackers, applesauce squeezeables, small bags of pretzels, etc. If you have a garden that is overflowing with produce, please consider dropping it off for our pantry families. We will take donations two days prior to our distribution date. Thank you for your continued donations for our families each month.

Opportunity House

The Women's Guild will serve the meal at Opportunity House in September.

Potato Project


Save the date for Sunday, September 3rd-(1:00-3:00) first weekend of harvest for the potato project. All potatoes harvested by our church group of volunteers will be given to the families at the Fleetwood Food Pantry.

Helping hands had 6 phone calls and 6 transports. Thanks for all the help.
Lynda



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Communion 8:55 & 10:25 am	4  Office Closed	5 St. Paul's School Get Acquainted Night.	6 First Day of St. Paul's School	7 Pantry	8	9
10 Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am RALLY DAY	11 Consistory 7pm Prayer Shawl 7pm	12	13 Bell Choir 6:15pm Chancel Choir 7pm	14	15	16
17 Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 8:30am	18 Staff Meeting 10am Worship Committee 6pm	19 St. Paul's School POPS 9:30am	20 Bell Choir 6:15pm Chancel Choir 7pm	21 St Paul's School Gym	22 Youth 7 th Grade Retreat 8pm-10am	23 Youth 7 th Grade Retreat till 10 a.m.
24 Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am New Choir Rehearsal Harvest Home Dedication of Confirmands	25 Guild 7pm	26 St. Paul's School Open House Book Group 7pm	27 Property 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:15pm Chancel Choir 7pm	28	29	30

OFFICE HOURS MONDAY – THURSDAY 8-4 FRIDAY 8-3

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Mrs. Linda Speece	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Sue Creswell	Bookkeeper
Mrs. Stacy Laucks	Coordinator of Education Ministries
Mrs. Greta Ertel	Organist/Accompanist
Mrs. Jill Haley	Coordinator of Music Ministries
Ms. Peggy Brown	School Director
Mr. Thomas Agnew	Sexton